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I am responding to your request for information received 6 October 2025. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: This has two parts. They are not dependent on one another. Please respond to the second part regardless of your answer to the first. Please provide this information to me in an electronic format.

Question 1: Please list the names of any wholly-owned subsidiaries (also known as SubCos) to the trust.

Answer: Compass Wellbeing CIC and HSCN – 50 percent joint venture with London Borough Newham (LBN).

Question 2: In March 2025 Sir James Mackey the chief executive of NHS England told the wider NHS that trusts should normally be transferring support staff to wholly-owned subsidiary companies adding that all trusts will need to introduce or consider SubCos. It is my understanding that at that point NHS foundation trusts began looking into the possibility of setting up new SubCos or expanding the use of their current SubCo, if they have one or more already. To that end, please provide the following pieces of information:

- a) The name of any management consultancy and/or professional services firms you engaged to provide advice and support following this announcement by Sir James in regard to setting up new or expanding the use of extant SubCos. For the avoidance of doubt, by professional services firms I mean companies (of any size) that provide advice and support in fields such as law, technical areas of expertise such as IT, audit, accountancy, IT, tax including VAT, etc.
- b) The sum of money paid to those firms in the course of delivering the required service relating to setting up new or expanding the use of extant SubCos
- c) The number of person hours of time that your trust staff put into scoping out possible actions the trust could make in response to Sir James' announcement as cited above, including time spent working on compiling a business case for the creation of or expansion of SubCos.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust did not engage with any management consultancy and/or professional services firms regarding wholly-owned subsidiaries, nor agree any relevant contracts with wholly-owned subsidiaries, in the time period specified. The Trust therefore does not hold the information requested and is unable to provide a response.



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